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THE BOY WHO WALKED BACKWARDS

Thomas Vinterberg, Denmark, 1994

37 min. | DK/Short fiction | Children's films











Andreas does not step on the lines when he walks on the pavement. Now and then he knocks his chest when he wants to protect himself. 9-year-old Andreas is carrying something unbearable: When it was his mother's birthday, he and his big brother Mikkel made a joke. Great success. Everybody was happy and Andreas got drunk. The next morning his father would take Mikkel to school on his motor cycle. But a traffic accident kills Mikkel and gives his father a brooding disposition. The family moves into a new house to start afresh. But neither the new house nor the kind, new class and teacher are able to relieve Andreas' great sorrow. He speaks to Mikkel through a home-made walkie-talkie. He gets the obsession that it is only a question of putting the clock back. He observes many rules and makes many tests.

Basic information

Credits

Materials

Original title	Drengen der gik baglæns
Danish title	Drengen der gik baglæns
Other titles	Kortfilm til mellemtrinnet 1, Drengen der gik baglæns / Når livet går sin vej / Tro, håb og Batman
Keywords	Children, Superstition, Death
Director	Thomas Vinterberg
Screenplay	Bo hr. Hansen, Thomas Vinterberg
Producer	Birgitte Hald
Director of Photography	Erik Zappon
Editor	Morten Giese
Sound	Hans Møller, Kristian Selin Eidnes Andersen
Composer	Nikolaj Egelund
Production designer	Peter Grant
Appearance	Holger Thaarup, Rune Veber, Michelle Bjørn-Andersen, Christian Hjejle
Production country	Denmark
Domestic distribution	Statens Filmcentral
Technical info	color, Sound
Danish theatrical release	19.08.1994
Cinemas	Grand
TV release	07.10.1994, DR
Danish rating	Not recommended for children under 7

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